

THE
WIGAN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year 1906.

STANDISH,

28th February, 1907.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wigan Rural District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the past year.

I beg to thank you for the kind assistance which I have received in all matters it has been my duty to bring before you.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. WILSON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Fellow of the British Institute of Public Health.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1906.

	Acres.	Population.		Births.		Deaths.		Infantile Deaths.	
		At Census, 1901.	Estimated July 1, 1906.	Total Regist'd	Rate per 1,000 of Popul.	Total Regist'd.	Rate per 1,000 of Popul.	Total Births.	Rate per 1000 Births.
Shevington	1728	1759	1870	75	40.10	33	17.64	11	146.66
Wrightington	3916	1868	2051	54	26.81	31	15.11	4	74.07
Parbold	1159	579	622	18	28.93	5	8.03	1	55.55
Haigh	2135	1269	1450	31	21.37	7	4.82	3	96.80
Dalton	2104	480	443	14	31.60	4	9.02	—	—
Worthington	659	258	273	7	25.64	5	18.31	1	142.85
	11,701	6,213	6,709	199	29.66	85	12.66	20	100.50

MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.

	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5 years.	5 and under 15 years.	15 and under 25 years.	25 and under 65 years.	Over 65 years.	Total.
Shevington	11	3	—	3	9	7	33
Wrightington	4	2	—	—	13	12	31
Parbold	1	—	—	—	4	—	5
Dalton	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Haigh	3	1	—	—	2	1	7
Worthington	1	—	—	—	2	2	5
	20	6	—	3	30	26	85

CAUSES OF DEATH OTHER THAN ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

	Shevington.	Wrightington.	Parbold.	Dalton.	Haigh.	Worthington.	Total.
Influenza	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Phthisis	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Tubercular Affections							
other than Phthisis	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Diarrhœa	2	—	—	—	1	1	4
Cancer	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Bronchitis	2	3	—	1	1	—	7
Pneumonia	5	3	—	—	1	—	9
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Premature Birth ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Heart Diseases	3	4	2	1	—	—	10
Accidents	2	2	2	—	—	—	6
Inquests (Drowning)	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
All other Diseases...	11	10	—	2	4	4	31
	32	30	4	4	7	5	82

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS.

Zymotic Diseases.	Shevington.			Wrightington.			Parbold.			Dalton.			Haigh.			Worthington.		
	Notifications.	Deaths.		Notifications.	Deaths.		Notifications.	Deaths.		Notifications.	Deaths.		Notifications.	Deaths.		Notifications.	Deaths.	
Small Pox	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Scarlatina	3	-	...	7	-	...	1	-	...	1	-	...	3	-	...	-	-	...
Diphtheria	-	-	...	1	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Croup	2	1	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Typhus	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Enteric	-	-	...	2	1	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	1	-	...	-	-	...
Continued	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Puerperal	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
Erysipelas	1	-	...	4	-	...	1	1	...	-	-	...	2	-	...	-	-	...
Measles	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...	-	-	...
	6	1	...	14	1	...	2	1	...	1	-	...	6	-	...	-	-	...

Estimated Population.—This is 6,709, being an increase of 110 over that of the previous year.

Births.—The number of births registered is 199, being a rate of 29.66 per 1000 of population. The number is an increase of 29 on that of 1905.

By far the largest number (75) were in Shevington, 54 were in Wrightington, and 31 in Haigh.

Deaths.—The total deaths number 85, and gives a death rate of 12.66 per 1000 of population. The total is a decrease of 7 compared with 1905.

Shevington had 33 deaths, equal to a rate of 17.64; Wrightington 31, equal to 15.11. Worthington contributed 5 deaths, equal to a rate (the highest) of 18.31. Haigh 7 deaths, equal to a rate (the lowest) of 4.82. Parbold 5, equal to 8.03. Dalton 4, equal to 9.02.

Infectious Diseases.—The number of Notifications received were 29, a decrease of 10 over those of the previous year.

Wrightington with 14 cases had the largest numbers, 7 of Scarlatina, 4 Erysipelas, 2 Enteric, and 1 Diphtheria. Shevington had 6 cases, being 3 Scarlatina, 2 Croup, and 1 Erysipelas. Parbold had 1 case each of Scarlatina and Erysipelas. Dalton had 1 case of Scarlatina. Haigh had 3 cases Scarlatina, 2 Erysipelas, and 1 Enteric. Worthington had no cases of an infectious character.

The deaths from infectious diseases were as follows: Shevington 1 Croup, Wrightington 1 Enteric, and Parbold 1 Erysipelas.

Scarlet Fever cases were notified at Shevington, Wrightington, Parbold, Dalton, and Haigh.

Diphtheria.—Only 1 case occurred, and that at Wrightington.

Erysipelas and Enteric were notified at Shevington, Wrightington, Parbold and Haigh.

Puerperal Fever.—No cases were notified.

Crook School was closed for 3 weeks in the early part of the year owing to Measles, and at the same period Bispham school was closed on account of Scarlet Fever. No deaths occurred from either of these causes.

The total number of deaths from infectious diseases was 3, against 5 for 1905.

Infantile Deaths were exactly the same as for 1905, viz., 11 occurred in Shevington, 4 in Wrightington, 3 in Haigh, and 1 each in Parbold and Worthington.

Infantile Diarrhæa was the cause of 2 deaths.

Phthisis contributed 3 deaths, 1 in Shevington, and 2 in Wrightington.

Other Respiratory Diseases were the cause of 17 deaths.

Premature Births caused 2 deaths, both in Wrightington.

Accidental Deaths number 6, 2 each at Shevington, Wrightington, and Parbold.

Inquests (Drowning).—Of these there were 2, Wrightington and Shevington 1 each.

Drains, Sewage, and Sewage Disposal.—This is carried out by means of cesspools in some instances, and in others by drainage into water courses.

It is hoped that during the coming year negotiations will have been completed with the Corporation of Wigan to take the sewage from the Districts through which their main traverses.

The sewage works for the lower portion of Haigh have been completed.

Removal of Ashpit refuse is carried out in the various districts by contract, and is satisfactorily done.

Water Supply.—Shevington, Haigh, Parbold, and part of Wrightington have good and constant public supplies. The scheme for the supply to Mossy Lea and Wrightington Bar, as mentioned in my last Annual Report has not yet been completed.

The townships of Dalton and Worthington have a good supply of water, mostly drawn from wells. The lower portion of Worthington is connected to the Standish mains, and has a good supply of water.

Lodging Houses.—There are none of these in any of the various townships.

Slaughter Houses.—These number 3, and have been inspected, and all found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Factories and Workshops.—Only a few exist in the District. They have been inspected and found to be in a sanitary condition, and with separate closet accommodation for the sexes.

There are no underground Bakeries, nor are there any home workers.

Food and Drugs Acts.—It has not been necessary to take any action under these Acts.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Act.—This Act has been adopted.

All Dairies, &c., have been inspected, and in most cases satisfactory. Where deficiencies have been found, they have been attended to and remedied.

ANNUAL REPORT OF NUISANCES, &c. IN DIVISION 1 IN THE WIGAN RURAL DISTRICT.

Eleven Notices have been served for the abatement of Nuisances, of which 9 have been abated, and 2 are in abeyance.

In one case it was necessary to enforce compliance by taking legal proceedings.

Factories and Workshops have been inspected, and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

There have been no cases of overcrowding.

There has not been any nuisance by the issue of black smoke.

There has not been any cause for action under the Food and Drugs Act.

Inspections have been made of 32 Canal boats with sleeping accommodation for 97 adult persons, but which were occupied only by 33 men, 2 women, and 2 children.

The boats were in a good state of repair, and generally in a clean and well kept condition.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM BIMSON,

Inspector of Nuisances and Canal Boats.

Dr. Wilson,
Medical Officer of Health,
Standish.

Holly House,
Haigh,
February 5th, 1907.

Dr. Wilson,
Medical Officer of Health,
Standish.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit to you my annual Report for 1906.

Eight nuisances have been found to exist, and with the exception of 1, have been abated. The exception was caused by subsidence of a pit shaft, disabling a drain at a cottage close by, and the same is having attention.

One case of overcrowding was found at Pendlebury Row, Haigh, and has been remedied.

35 Canal boats have been inspected, and all were found to be satisfactory, being in a well-kept and clean condition.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. G. CLARK.

